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## WHAT NEXT?

**T**HIS PREDICTION that the next era, the dawning of man's age of unentering, is to be one of marvels of remarkable discoveries and achievements of invention, seems reasonable, certain of fulfillment.

Aviation in heavier-than-air machines, wireless telegraphing and telephoning, not many years ago, were regarded as phantoms of the imagination and placed among such fantasies as perpetual motion and alchemy—the transmutation of metals or the manufacture of precious metals or jewels from cheap materials or the dross of the earth.

But, as always, science has moved imperturbably onward, thoughtful, practical; brainy and progressive minds have followed many beaten paths, diverging occasionally into unexplored trails, led on by the beckonings of that success and fame sought and attained only in the way of satisfaction for an ambitious and indefatigable work for the advancement of the world.

Most of us, when an extraordinary scientific result has been achieved, accept the fact in perhaps mild surprise, and with little appreciation.

Alchemy—the production of precious metals or rare jewels from base materials—has long been lauded at, derided, and placed among the impossibilities.

However, according to well-authenticated reports, alchemy has been demonstrated to be possible. And really thoughtful men stand aghast in contemplation of the possible result of the process becoming known to an unscrupulous and avaricious person or clique.

Rudolph Melville Hunter, of Philadelphia, the reputed discoverer, is not a man whose statements may be taken lightly. He is a patent expert of many years' experience, whose clients number many of the greatest business organizations of the country. He has been in the courts for forty years in connection with patent cases; he is the retained expert of the Victor Talking Machine Company, with special reference to acoustics, and has been engaged in much of the litigation relating to this art; he controls a number of corporations, is president of the Electric Car Company of America, United States Assay and Bullion Company, and is financially interested in many other corporations. He has invented innumerable electrical and other devices and is third in the world as a patented Edison being first. In short, he is a man who has nothing to gain by misrepresentation—and all to lose.

Fortunately for the world, Mr. Hunter does not intend that the valuable knowledge he has gained shall become common property. He intimates, however, that he would use the formula to maintain the country's prestige, or insure its dominance if necessary. Then the secret would die with him.

Whatever you or I may think of the matter, the fact remains that Mr. Hunter's claims appear well founded—that alchemy is no longer a dream—that for a cost of from six to ten cents he can produce a dollar's worth of gold, or at insignificant expense manufacture a diamond of the first water grade as large as one's fist.

If you grant the possible truth of the eminent scientist's assertions, you have plenty of food for thought.

## RATIONAL UNIONISM

**W**HAT IS the difference between the threatening of an employee with discharge if he joins a labor union, and the threatening of an employer with non-patronage if he does not make his employees join a union?

Both are ridiculous.

Rational unions and rational employers do neither of these things. Both sides get along pretty well with rational unionism.

The publisher of this paper has always gotten along very well with the International Typographical Union and its members. In their contract with the publisher the printers guarantee to furnish sufficient and competent union help for the employer's needs. If such union labor cannot be had the employer cannot be denied the right to employ non-union help in the emergency—and the union men do not walk out of the job. Of course, a non-union man generally becomes a member of the union after a while. But the main fact is: The work keeps going and rationalism prevails.

Be fair and considerate with your unionism; and the average employer will be fair and considerate with the union. In other words, be as "man to man" about your work and working conditions as you would in a business transaction with any other sort. Put yourself in the other fellow's place occasionally when considering what you think you are entitled to. Perhaps you may realize the employers have troubles of their own, in many instances of much the same nature as your own.

Be rational!

**O**NCE IN A while a howl goes up in a community regarding the prevalence of crime in that particular neighborhood, and the officers of the county, the sheriff and the county attorney, are solicited by petition and otherwise to abate the nuisance. When the officials start to investigate, nobody knows anything positive. It's mostly "they say," and "I heard," or "I've heard it talked around," or some such indefinite stuff that gets nowhere. Whenever a person alleges that the officers are not arresting people who ought to be apprehended, the party making the charge should be prepared to at least help the officers in getting at the source of trouble. When a citizen knows that the law is being violated, it is his privilege and duty to make complaint to the proper officials. The county can't afford to have an officer at every fence corner or under every brush heap for the purpose of catching possible bootleggers or brush card parties. If you know, put 'em next. It's your duty.

**S**ENATOR ARTHUR CAPPER of Kansas, also the very capable editor of Capper's Weekly, has much to say regarding useless Federal waste, misappropriations, neglect of opportunities, disregard of the rights and comforts of the people, and other things pertinent to present conditions, and lays the blame on the Government at Washington. The Senator is right, eminently right; also, and incidentally,

he is a Republican. Mr. Capper elucidates theories that are practical; he places the blame in most instances just where it belongs; we are for lots of things he advocates; we admire him for his temerity. Now, if the gentleman will go a little farther he might render still more service to the country by not only stating that Congress has failed to remedy many of the ills of which he speaks, but that THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTROLS BUSINESS. Lots of people do not consider them as the chief instruments of the written constitution. They used to be told, "Look out, Ma, the world is ajar." Senator, we believe you are *wrong* in this.

**E**VEN THOUGH the department of justice is in the process of investigating the conduct of the experiment on the several millions of common dollar bonds, occurring day by day, used to buy a dollar's worth of stuff and consume the metal that secured its value, American citizens are getting more than they paid for. We believe you are *wrong*.

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